GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3245
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2003
DENIAL OF TREATMENT TO AIDS VICTIM
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has recently sought an explanation from the six hospitals of Delhi including AIIMS which denied treatment to the patient who allegedly got AIDS infection during the treatment in a hospital; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Hon`ble Delhi High Court issued suo-motto notice taking into cognisance of press report `Indian Express - November 12, 2002` regarding denial of treatment to a HIV/AIDS patient by all major hospital in Delhi vizAll India Institute of Medical Sciences, St. Stephens Hospital, Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital,Rathi Medical Centre, Maharaja Agarsen Hospital,Lok Nayak Jaiprakash Narain Hospital. Consequently, a Civil Writ Petition No. 7220/2002 was registered. Out of six hospitals, five have in their reply stated that they have not denied treatment to the HIV/AIDS patient mentioned in the Writ Petition; and one viz. Rathi Medical Centre, Sultanpuri Road, Delhi has said that thepatient in question has not reported to them for treatment. Two more Civil Writ Petition Nos. 7719 and 7793 of 2002 in this regard are also lying before the Hon`ble High Court.The matter is sub-judicial and is pending before the Hon`ble High Court.